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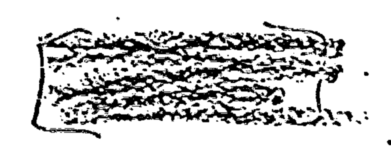
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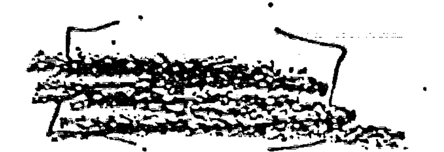
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seen it, [redacted] went to the window of the compartment, saying, "Turn off the lights." [redacted] also went to the window, and I looked over their shoulders. [redacted] said, "I just saw it coming up." When the lights were off, I saw through the window, to the south of the train, an object resembling a searchlight at the end of the horizon, perhaps a little above the horizon. It did not throw a beam but instead glowed with a reddish light, something like the glowing of an electric hot plate. It looked like a circular light standing on edge, facing the train, and perhaps tilted slightly downward. I had the impression that the searchlight was at a distance of perhaps four to six miles. The land was flat and without buildings, installations, or special vegetation. At the time of observation, twilight had fallen and the first few stars were out but it was still light enough to see for some distance. The sky was clear, with no clouds.

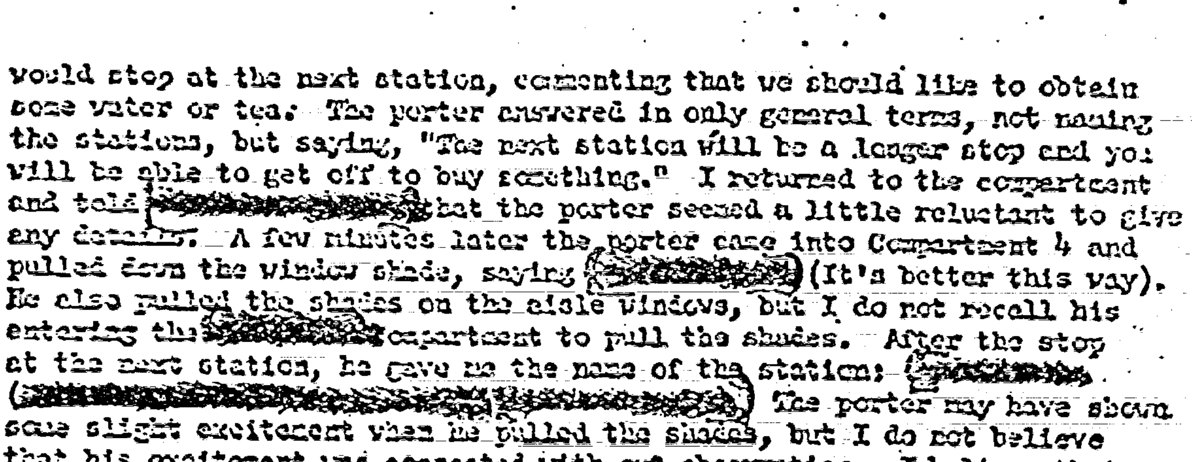
4. At this point I said, "I don't see it." [redacted] said, "Here, it's coming again"; and the others said, "Yes, it's coming up. It's whirling." I then noticed an object slightly to the right of the searchlight. It had two shining eyes and seemed to be rising vertically. It then seemed to change course and to approach the train on more of a horizontal course but still ascending slightly (traveling northward). I am not certain whether the body of the object changed position, but the eyes, which seemed to be fixed on the side of the object facing the train during the ascent, continued to face toward me. The eye on the left was brighter than the other but both gave a white light, glowing like a firefly rather than casting a beam. On the horizontal course, the object gave the impression of gliding. No noise was heard and no exhaust glow or trail was seen by me. When the object appeared to be about to pass over the train, I ran to the other side of the train in order to look out the window on the aisle side, but I saw nothing. The observation lasted about six or seven seconds, maybe less. The porter was standing in the corner of the aisle, forward, near Compartment 6, but did not seem to be looking out the window at the time.

5. After the object had passed, we turned on the lights in the compartment, and [redacted] said, "We saw a flying saucer. I wanted you boys to see it so that I would have witnesses." Everyone in the compartment was convinced that we had seen something real and unusual. I asked if it could have been some kind of airplane and the others replied, "No, there was no resemblance."

6. A few minutes later, [redacted] returned to his compartment. [redacted] then suggested that I, as interpreter, ask the porter the name of the last station which we had passed. I was reluctant to do so for fear of arousing the porter's suspicion. However, [redacted] insisted and, about five to seven minutes after the observation, I approached the porter in the aisle and in a roundabout way approached the question of the names of the last and next stations, whether they were large, and how long we

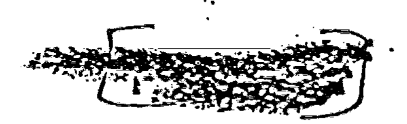


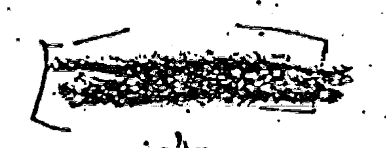
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would stop at the next station, commenting that we should like to obtain some water or tea. The porter answered in only general terms, not naming the stations, but saying, "The next station will be a longer stop and you will be able to get off to buy something." I returned to the compartment and told [redacted] that the porter seemed a little reluctant to give any details. A few minutes later the porter came into Compartment 4 and pulled down the window shade, saying [redacted] (It's better this way). He also pulled the shades on the aisle windows, but I do not recall his entering the [redacted] compartment to pull the shades. After the stop at the next station, he gave me the name of the station: [redacted] The porter may have shown some slight excitement when he pulled the shades, but I do not believe that his excitement was connected with our observation. I believe that the cause may have been his failure to follow the standard rule on [redacted] trains to pull the shades as soon as it became dark. He was late in doing this, and no doubt we were passing through some restricted area where such instructions must be observed strictly. I do not believe that either of the other two passengers in the car tipped off the porter that something important had happened. Before dark, the [redacted] in Compartment 5 had asked the porter to prepare his bed because he had to get up at 0200 hours to get off the train. As far as I know, he went to bed quite some time before the occurrence. The civilian from Compartment 6 was seen in the aisle sometime after the occurrence but not at the time of the occurren

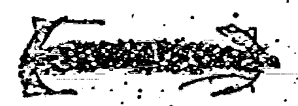
7. I cannot describe the shape of the object which we observed, inasmuch as I observed no silhouette. I had the impression of a short object, probably shorter than an airplane, but in no way did I obtain an impression of the silhouette of an airplane. Perhaps the object could have had short wings. I am not certain whether it was or was not disc-shaped or circular. It appeared to me that the object at first was farther from the train than the searchlight. At all times, the searchlight appeared to be larger than the object and stationary. I cannot estimate the altitude reached by the object, but it was very high. I cannot estimate the speed at which the object traveled. It did not seem to be traveling very fast. On its horizontal course, it seemed to be gliding smoothly, and it seemed to be moving more slowly as it approached the train than when first observed. It definitely did not whizz by at an unusual speed. I did not hear any noise which might have been associated with the object, and I believe that the sound of an airplane engine would have been heard over the train noises. I best observed the eyes of the object when the object approached the train. They were distinctly two in number, set apart at a fixed distance, but I cannot estimate how far apart they were. I observed no other, small lights on the object. I do not recall seeing any military traffic or installations of significance within half an hour on either side of the point of observati

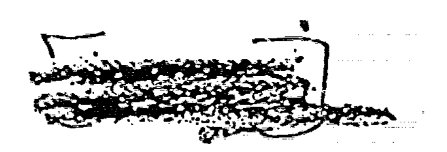
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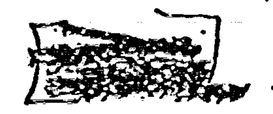



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details. [redacted] was not debriefed on the subject. Except for the debriefing in [redacted] I have not discussed this matter with other members of [redacted] party since the occurrence.


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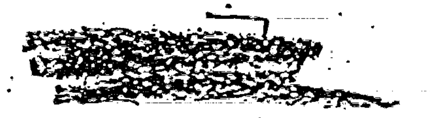
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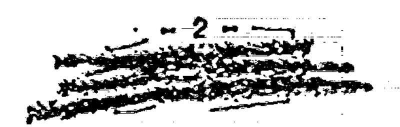


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[illegible]